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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 23 March 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.

81st PLENARY MEETING

Conference Room 3

1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly and organization of work [8]; request for the reopening of the consideration of agenda item 17 (e) (Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal): note by the Secretary-General (A/52/105/Add.1).
2. Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the President (A/52/111) [17 (j)].

Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-second session appear in PART II (English/French) of the present issue of the Journal (No. 1998/55 (PART II)).

*Resumed fifty-second session
(First part)*

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Morning*-
1 p.m.

55th meeting

Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

Ninth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System (A/52/711, A/52/828 and A/52/755)

Introduction, general discussion and conclusion

Tenth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the United Nations International Partnership Trust Fund (A/52/7/Add.9)

Introduction, general discussion and conclusion

3 p.m.

56th meeting

Conference Room 3

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [114]

Human resources management [153]

United Nations reform: measures and proposals [157]

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed United Nations Code of Conduct (A/52/488)

Conclusion of general discussion

Informal consultations

Afternoon**-
6 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 125 (Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (A/52/730, A/52/730/Add.2 and A/52/816)), 136 (Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (A/52/772/Add.1 and A/52/817)) and 159 (Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (A/52/799 and A/52/825))

* Following the adjournment of the 81st plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

** Following the adjournment of the 56th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 24 March 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Resumed fifty-second session
(First part)*

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 20 March 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resumed fifty-second session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

54th meeting

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [125]

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan [136]

Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti [141]

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola [159]

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda items.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the reports of that Committee (A/52/816, A/52/817, A/52/818, A/52/825).

The related reports of the Secretary-General are contained in documents A/52/730 and Add.2, A/52/771/Add.1, A/52/798 and A/52/799, respectively.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, the United States, Bangladesh, the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, Portugal and Morocco.

The Deputy Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division and the Chief of Finance Management and Support Service of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on these agenda items.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these items would be coordinated by Mr. Henry Hanson-Hall (Ghana) (MINURSO), the Rapporteur (Mr. Djamel Moktefi) (UNMOT) and Mr. Frank Smyth (Ireland) (MONUA).

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142]

(a) *Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations*

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 49/249 and 50/224

The Chief of the Contributions Service introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/52/38).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 49/249 and 50/224.

The representative of Slovakia made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Secretary-General on the reduction and re-focusing of non-programme costs

The representative of Argentina, Coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced and orally revised draft decision A/C.5/52/L.24.

Statements were made by the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire, Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Tunisia.

The Committee adopted without a vote the draft decision as orally revised.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives Japan, Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union) and Cuba.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Pattern of conferences [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Implementation of General Assembly Resolution 52/214

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management made a statement and clarified issues raised by Member States regarding the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/214, section A, paragraphs 5 and 6.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Saudi Arabia, Côte d'Ivoire, Uganda, Kuwait, the

Philippines, Cuba, the Russian Federation, Tunisia, Indonesia, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bangladesh, the United States, Egypt, the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union), Canada and China.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management responded to questions posed.

Report of the Secretary-General on measures in order to ensure the necessary resources for the upgrading of conference rooms and interpretation booths (A/52/829)

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic and Algeria.

The Assistant Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services and the Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division responded to questions posed.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

The representative of the Office of Communications and Public Information made a statement in connection with concerns raised at the 50th, 53rd and 54th meetings of the Committee.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Secretary-General on office accommodation at the Palais Wilson

The Chairman introduced draft decision A/C.5/52/L.23.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Uganda and the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union).

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division responded to questions posed.

The Chairman made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.